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Dr. Joshua Lederberg, President
Rockefeller University
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Several years ago, when you were still at Stanford University, you were kind enough to give me information and advice while I was doing research for a book on cloning.

Now I have a very different question. I would like to query one or several authorities concerning the enclosed report, transmitted from Moscow by Reuters, the British news agency, alleging that Israel and South Africa are engaged in developing a chemical weapons "meant to kill only non-whites." I have been in touch with Reuters in London, and they regret that this dispatch went out, without any attempt at scientific evaluation.

to I am working on a book, THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA MACHINE, and I want to cite this and related material as part of a Soviet disinformation drive, clearly an implementation of their long-standing "Zionism is racism" campaign. To whom can I go for evaluation of this report? I have the Russian original and an English translation of the passage in question. To whom can I go? Into what scientific discipline does this question fit? Many thanks for any guidance you can provide.

I should also like to see a copy of your most recent, or upcoming, President's Report.

Sincerely yours,

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